GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INTER-STATE CRIMES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to evolve a functional mechanism to get over the difficulties posed by geographical boundaries in controlling Inter-State Crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure better co-ordination among neighbouring States to check Inter-State Crimes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) to (c): `Police` and `Public Order` are state subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore, detection, registration, investigation and prevention of crimes including Inter-State crimes are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has, from time to time, been advising the State Governments to give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and to take effective measures to control the crimes. The Union Government has also been providing financial assistance to the State Governments under the scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces with a view to equip them with modern weaponry, state of the art Communication systems, vehicles, intelligence gatherings equipment, protective gear etc. to enable the state police to meet the present day challenges.

A Zonal Integrated Police Network (ZIPNET) system is in operation with a computer-based linkage between the States of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan with Delhi for online exchange of information on crimes and criminals.